

**AGENDA:** September 24, 2002

**7.3**

**CATEGORY:** Unfinished Business

**DEPT.:** City Council

**TITLE:** Position of Support—Measure B  
(Transportation Funding)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Support Measure B which will formally designate discretionary transportation funds for road, highway, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group (SVMG).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City. According to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) staff report on Measure B (Attachment 1), there is no direct impact to the VTA operating budget.

### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

In November 2000, voters in Santa Clara County approved Measure A, a 30-year one-half cent sales tax to fund a number of transit projects, including a BART extension to the South Bay Area. As Measure A only funds transit projects, the VTA's Board of Directors agreed to designate all existing discretionary transportation funds from the State and Federal government for road, highway, pedestrian and bicycle projects described in the VTA's Valley Transportation Plan 2020 (VTP 2020).

This specific language could not be included in Measure A as the VTP 2020 was not adopted until December 2000. To assure these funds are used for VTP 2020 projects, the SVMG is leading a ballot initiative to designate the funds for this purpose.

In June, the VTA adopted a resolution placing Measure B on the November 2002 ballot. Measure B will formally commit all existing discretionary fund moneys to local street and road projects identified in the VTP 2020. Any new source of discretionary funds secured by VTA would not be subject to the requirements of Measure B. Attachment 1 to this report contains the VTA staff report and resolution placing Measure B on the ballot. The staff report also lists the projects identified in the VTP 2020.

The VTA, SVMG and County Roads Commission support Measure B. A fact sheet on Measure B from the SVMG listing these supporters is included as Attachment 2.

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Attachment 3 includes arguments in favor of and in opposition to Measure B submitted to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. Since the September 10, 2002 City Council meeting when Measure B was initially presented to the City Council for endorsement, it has been endorsed by the Santa Clara County Cities Association. No opposition is known at this time.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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Attachments: 1. VTA Staff Report on Measure B  
2. Fact Sheet on Measure B  
3. Ballot Arguments

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